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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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LEGISLATION: Provides relative to the legislative intent regarding "held in conjunction with" as used in certain laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the intent of the legislature regarding the meaning of certain laws within the
3 jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics.

4 WHEREAS, R.S. 24:177(B)(2)(b) provides that the "legislature may express the
5 intended meaning of a law in a duly adopted concurrent resolution, by the same vote and,
6 except for gubernatorial veto and time limitations for introduction, according to the same
7 procedures and formalities required for enactment of that law"; and

8 WHEREAS, during the 2008 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature the
9 legislature enacted R.S. 42:1115.1(E) which contains the phrase "held in conjunction with";
10 and

11 WHEREAS, this phrase was utilized by the legislature in enacting R.S. 42:1115.1(E)
12 because it is contained within R.S. 24:55(E) and R.S. 49:76(E); and

13 WHEREAS, it has become apparent that there is confusion about the legislature's
14 intended meaning of the phrase.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 express its intent regarding the meaning of the phrase "held in conjunction with" as used in
17 R.S. 42:1115.1(E), R.S. 24:55(E), and R.S. 49:76(E) as meaning for such purposes
18 "occurrence together in time and space" so that as used in such provisions of law a single
19 activity, occasion, reception, meal, or meeting held during the same time period and in the
20 same general locale as a meeting of such an organization and to which some persons
21 associated with the organization are invited, and a single activity, occasion, reception, meal,

1 or meeting that is part of the scheduled activities of a meeting of such an organization and
2 that is open to persons attending the meeting are all included within the meaning of those
3 provisions.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to each member
5 of the Board of Ethics, each member of the Ethics Adjudicatory Board, and the ethics
6 administrator.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law (R.S. 24:177(B)(2)) authorizes the legislature to express the intended meaning of a law in a duly adopted concurrent resolution, by the same vote and, except for gubernatorial veto and time limitations for introduction, according to the same procedures and formalities required for enactment of that law.

Proposed resolution expresses the intent of the legislature regarding the meaning of the phrase "held in conjunction with" as used in R.S. 42:1115.1(E), R.S. 24:55(E), and R.S. 49:76(E) as meaning for such purposes "occurrence together in time and space" so that as used in such provisions of law a single activity, occasion, reception, meal, or meeting held during the same time period and in the same general locale as a meeting of such an organization and to which some persons associated with the organization are invited, and a single activity, occasion, reception, meal, or meeting that is part of the scheduled activities of a meeting of such an organization and that is open to persons attending the meeting are all included within the meaning of those provisions.